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1. The Argentine Government, in an attempt to influence the ideology of the Slav immigrants who have entered Argentina since World War II, and to induce them to support the Peronista regime, is planning to partially subsidize some of the anti-Communist Slav newspapers and organizations in Argentina. The Coordinacion Federal section of the Federal Police plans to spend several thousand pesos for pro-Government propaganda in the Slav papers. Although the Polish weekly Glos Polski is self-sufficient, its directors expect to receive some financial assistance from the Government. Estanislao Pyzik, prominent anti-Communist Pole, has already discussed financial matters with the Coordinacion Federal section.
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- Comment:** Pyzik, an ex-President of the Federacion de las Sociedades Polacas in Argentina, was employed at the Instituto Meteorologico Nacional, as of 26 August 1947. A press clipping of 3 May 1947 identified him as President of the Instituto Cultural Argentino-Polaco.)
2. The Government's first experiment to influence the Slav immigrants was the formation of a Government-sponsored Slav organization called La Fraternal, whose headquarters are in a building formerly occupied by the Rodo School on Calle San Juan. This building, which is rented for several thousand pesos per month, is well equipped with dormitories and kitchens and could easily accommodate several hundred people. The premises are under the direction of an artillery sergeant named Palacios. The majority of the organization's members are Poles.

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